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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.30 p.m.	3rd (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 24th plenary meeting of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 12 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 15 (c) (Election of a member of the International Court of Justice) (A/56/372, A/56/373 and Add.1, A/56/374).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 70* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/ 56/153):

Republic of Korea
Indonesia
Japan
Egypt
Norway
Chile
Costa Rica
Canada
Czech Republic
Nepal
United States of America

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories

2. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/56/2 and Add.1, A/C.4/56/3 and Add.1-7 and A/C.4/56/4)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27] (A/56/140)

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108] (A/56/3, A/56/57-E/2001/5, A/56/73-E/2001/68 and Add.1*, A/56/114-E/2001/93 and Add.1, A/56/169, A/56/180, A/56/288, E/2001/104, A/C.3/56/L.2, A/C.3/56/L.3)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109] (A/56/152)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [129]

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management on the current financial situation of the United Nations

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who are elected by the General Assembly (A/55/928 and A/56/437))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Management of buildings (A/56/274 and Add.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167] (A/55/637)

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165] (A/56/33, A/56/303 and A/56/330)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

UNIFIL

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	259th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council [item 1] (E/2001/L.45)

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council: granting of observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI) [item 1]

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [13 (k)] (A/56/127-E/2001/101 and E/2001/L.46)

Other matters:

Programme of Action for the Least developed countries (LDCs) [item 1] (A/CONF.191/11)

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development: draft resolution III (Strengthening of the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development) [item 13 (b)] (E/2001/31 and Corr.1)

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements [item 13 (d)] (A/56/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [point 13 g)] (E/2001/44)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session [item 13 (j)] (E/2000/32)

International cooperation on tax matters [13 (m)]

Report of the Committee for Development Policy [13 (a)] (E/2001/33)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	44th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]:

   Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2001/L.45)

   Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council: granting of observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI)

2. Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

3. Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [item 13 (k)] (A/56/127-E/2001/101 and E/2001/L.46)

4. Other matters:

   Action on all outstanding drafts agreed to in informal consultations on 10 October 2001

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* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 10 October 2001

GROUP OF 77

(on the following Economic and Social Council issues: Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council; Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council; Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination; Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

(on agenda item 27 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly))

10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on agenda item 98 (Environment and sustainable development) (sub-items (a) to (e))

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNICEF

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
6.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

ARAB GROUP OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

1.35 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)* on *today*, 10 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" *today*, 10 October 2001, at 12 noon in Conference Room C. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, *today*, 10 October 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" (item 74 (h)), organized by the delegation of Germany, will take place *today*, 10 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Risk and Vulnerability: Implementing a Forward-looking Approach for Social Protection", organized by the World Bank, *today*, 10 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Mr. Robert Holzmann, World Bank Protection Director. For further information and registration, please contact the office of the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for interested delegations on "The United Nations Mine Action Strategy for 2001-2005 and the United Nations Information Management Policy for Mine Action" *today*, 10 October 2001, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing will be given by Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, acting in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations Inter-agency Coordination Group on Mine Action. Representatives from the main United Nations entities involved in mine action will also be present. Copies of the two documents can be obtained on the Internet (http://mineaction. org/ highlights/highlights.cfm) or from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), FF Building (3rd floor) (304 East 45th Street). For further information, please call (212) 963-1357.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

Briefing

There will be a briefing on "The State of the World Economy", under the chairmanship of H. E. Mr. Francisco Seixas Da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing will be given by Professor Lawrence Klein, Nobel Laureate and Benjamin Franklin Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda Item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda Item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 11 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Ministerial Declaration)* on Thursday, 11 October 2001, from 6.15 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Informal meeting

There will be a consultation with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Rapid Deployment and Strategic Deployment Stocks" on Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Two letters on this subject, including an information note and materials, were sent to all the members of the Special Committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Michiko Kuroda (room S-3630C; tel.: (212) 963-5440; e-mail: kuroda@un.org).

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2002) on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering", organized by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands, will be held Thursday 11 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room D. The draft will be circulated by fax. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the proposed format and rules of procedure for the International Conference on Financing for Development on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The proposed format and rules of procedure, which will be contained in the fourth report of the Bureau to the Preparatory Committee, may be accessed on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures" (item 64 (b)), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the draft resolution on the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, organized by the delegation of Algeria, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 10 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 8 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Addendum to the summary of the 23rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2001/194, p. 9): the following text should be added:

Programme of work

The President informed delegates that H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations, would coordinate the informal consultations on the draft resolutions to be submitted under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance).

Tuesday, 9 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Myanmar, Peru, Colombia, Bangladesh, Uruguay, Algeria, China, Brazil, Mongolia, Malta, Argentina, Mali (on behalf of ECOWAS) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

A statement was made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representative of Iraq.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 4th meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered eleven communications containing requests for hearing, (two relating to Gibraltar (A/C.4/56/3 and Add.1), eight relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/56/3 and Add.1 to 7) and one relating to small Territories (A/C.4/56/4)), which it decided to grant.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 91, 92, 93 and 12 and 94)

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of China, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Singapore, Madagascar, Nigeria, Namibia, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community), Fiji, Angola, Mozambique, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Papua New Guinea, Egypt, Burkina Faso, Senegal and Morocco.

Further statements were made by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco.

A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Indonesia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of these items.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Algeria, Brazil, Denmark, China, Ukraine, Uganda, Norway, Senegal, Australia, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Qatar and Pakistan.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

A statement was also made by the representative of UNFPA.

5th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of items 27, 108 and 109.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Chile, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Arab Emirates and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

Organization of work

Upon the recommendation of the Chairman and in order to better utilize its services, the Committee decided to cancel its afternoon meetings on Wednesday and Thursday.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

Private management consulting firms (A/54/702 and A/55/979)

Common services (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 14, paragraph 124) and A/56/417)

Management of buildings (A/56/274 and Add.1)

Joint Inspection Unit [128] *(A/56/34 and Corr.1, A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356)*

The Committee continued its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania and India.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Inspector Sumihiro Kuyama and Inspector Francesco Mezzalama, replied to questions raised.

The Director of the Facilities and Commercial Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services and the Principal Inter-Agency Officer of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Secretariat also replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who are elected by the General Assembly (A/56/437)

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The representative of the Office of Legal Affairs replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 9 October 2001, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. John Orr (Canada), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 4th and 5th meetings

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, Morocco and Fiji.

The Chairman of UNCITRAL made a concluding statement.

The Committee completed its discussion of this agenda item.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Costa Rica, Australia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Egypt, Mali, Japan, China, Croatia, Canada, Iraq, Fiji, Brazil, Angola, Hungary, Bangladesh, the Sudan, South Africa and Thailand.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2001

5th meeting

Special segment on the implementation of the Convention

The Conference began its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard an opening statement by the President of the Conference.

Statements were also made by Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (who also delivered a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations); H.E. Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of Cape Verde; H.E. Mr. Hugo Chávez Frias, President of Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Pascoal Manuel Mocumbi, Prime Minister of Mozambique; H.E. Mr. Hama Amadou, Prime Minister of the Niger; H.E. Mr. Bruno Amousou, Prime Minister of Benin; H.E. Mr. Dah Ould Abdeljelil, Minister for Rural Development and Environment of Mauritania; and H.E. Ms. Sirgun Mogedal, State Secretary of Norway.

6th meeting

The Conference continued its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard statements by Mr. Lennart Bage, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Mr. Michel Jarraud, Deputy Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Mr. Herbert K. Acquay, Team Leader, Land and Water Resources of the Global Environment Facility (GEF); H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Noirfalise, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations Office in Geneva (on behalf of the European Union); Mr. Uwe Werblow, Head of Division, Environment and Rural Development (on behalf of the Commissioner for Development of the European Commission); H.E. Dr. Uschi Eid, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany; H.E. Ms. Gun-Britt Andersson, State Secretary of Sweden; H.E. Mr. Yucai Li, Vice-Minister, State Forestry Administration of China; H.E. Mr. Ali A. Mojtahed Shabestari, Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, Geneva (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Bozo Kovacevic, Minister of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Walter Fust, State Secretary, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation; H.E. Ms. Maria Minna, Minister for International Cooperation of Canada; H.E. Mr. Francis Nhema, Minister of Environment and Tourism of Zimbabwe; H.E. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha, Secretary, Ministry of Population and Environment of Nepal; H.E. Mr. A. Ntangazwa, Minister of State, Vice-President's Office of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Soumaila Cissé, Minister for the Environment of Mali; H.E. Dr. Abdal-Razaq-Tubaishat, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment of Jordan; H.E. Mr. A. Bolat, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Nature and Environment of Mongolia; H.E. Ms. Martina Motlova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic; and Mr. Peter Bridgewater, Director, Division of Ecological Sciences and Secretary of the International Coordinating Council for Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Morocco (2 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Czech Republic (8 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 6 March 1948

Acceptance: Saint Kitts and Nevis (8 October 2001)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Saint Kitts and Nevis (8 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Saint Kitts and Nevis (8 October 2001)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Algeria (9 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Review of the Outcome of World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance". The briefing will feature Ms. Susan Markham, Spokesperson for the Conference, Chief, Promotion and Planning Service, Department of Public Information; Mr. George Mene, Ambassador of South Africa to the Commission on Human Rights and other international organizations; and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on Thursday, 11 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (Oil-for-food)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 24th plenary meeting of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 12 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 6).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 6th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 70* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

New Zealand

Belarus

Ecuador

Cuba

South Africa

Sudan

Viet Nam

Switzerland

Romania

Syrian Arab Republic

Venezuela

Russian Federation

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Qatar

Togo

Kazakhstan

Singapore

United Republic of Tanzania

Cambodia

Australia

Burkina Faso

Paraguay

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.* — 10th meeting — Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [95] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306)

(b) International financial system and development (A/56/173 and Add.1 and 2)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/56/262)

Introduction

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* The briefing on "The State of the World Economy" will take place from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (see p. 3).

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27] (A/56/140)

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108] (A/56/3*, A/56/57-E/2001/5, A/56/73-E/2001/68 and Add.1*, A/56/114-E/2001/93 and Add.1, A/56/169, A/56/180, A/56/288, E/2001/104, A/C.3/56/L.2, A/C.3/56/L.3)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109] (A/56/152)

Conclusion of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]:

Visitors experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 8, paras. 103-113))

Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 6, paras. 80-94))

Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 9, para. 114))

Development Account (A/55/913 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 10, para. 115))

Honorariums (A/56/311)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Private management consulting firms (A/54/702 and A/55/979) and Common services (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/417))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165] (A/56/33, A/56/303 and A/56/330)

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172] (A/56/145, A/C.6/56/L.2)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing disabled person and the family)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering", organized by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands, will be held *today*, 11 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room D. The draft has been sent by fax to all delegations. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on "The State of the World Economy", under the chairmanship of H. E. Mr. Francisco Seixas Da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee, *today*, 11 October 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing will be given by Professor Lawrence Klein, Nobel Laureate and Benjamin Franklin Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 11 October 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 109 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

Morning* - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
Afternoon** - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Second Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on the International Conference on Financing for Development.

ARAB GROUP OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MEMBERS OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

6.15 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Informal meeting

There will be a consultation with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Rapid Deployment and Strategic Deployment Stocks" *today* and *tomorrow*, 11 and 12 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Two letters on this subject, including an information note and materials, were sent to all the members of the Special Committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Michiko Kuroda (room S-3630C; tel.: (212) 963-5440; e-mail: kuroda@un.org).

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2002) *today*, 11 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the proposed format and rules of procedure for the International Conference on Financing for Development *today*, 11 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The proposed format and rules of procedure, which will be contained in the fourth report of the Bureau to the Preparatory Committee, may be accessed on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on a draft resolution on disarmament, organized by the delegation of Myanmar, *today*, 11 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 12 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	24th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/56/372)

(b) List of nominations of the candidates by national groups (A/56/373 and Add.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/56/374 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Corr.2)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Special briefing

There will be a special briefing for members of the Fifth Committee on the work of the International Civil Service Commission by the secretariat of the Commission on Friday, 12 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda Item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda Item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 36th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola will be held on Friday, 12 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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The New York segment of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament will take place from 15 October to 9 November 2001 in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the biennal draft resolution on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the draft resolution on the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, organized by the delegation of Algeria, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers", organized by the delegation of Mexico, on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will hold a briefing for the representatives of Member States on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1, regarding the results of the World Conference Against Racism held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with the resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Financing the New Health Agenda", organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jorge Eduardo Navarrete, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mexico to the United Nations. The panellists will include H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Permanent Mission of Sweden and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee; Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, UNDP; and Dr. Andrew Cassels, Director, Health and Development, WHO, Geneva.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Egypt, Norway, Chile, Costa Rica, Canada, the Czech Republic, Nepal and the United States.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 5th meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, The Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Gibraltar

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. J. J. Bossano, Leader of the Opposition (A/C.4/56/2/Add.1) and Mr. Bryan Zammit, United Nations Association of Gibraltar (A/C.4/56/2).

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Antonio López Ortiz, Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui (A/C.4/56/3), Mr. Felipe Briones Vives, International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara (A/C.4/56/3/Add.1), Ms. Anna María Badia Marti, Professor of International Law, Spain (A/C.4/56/3/Add.2), Mr. José Miguel Barragan Cabrera, Deputy, Parliament of the Canary Islands (A/C.4/56/3/Add.4), Mr. Francisco José Alonso Rodríguez, Human Rights League of Spain (A/C.4/56/3/Add.5), Mr. Miguel Mayol I Raynal, Member of the European Parliament (A/C.4/56/3/Add.6) and Mr. Ahmed Boukhari, Frente Polisario (A/C.4/56/3/Add.7).

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to take action on all draft proposals relating to decolonization and related agenda items on Tuesday, 16 October.

THIRD COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of these items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola, Saint Lucia (on behalf of CARICOM), Bangladesh, Singapore, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Myanmar, the Philippines, Mongolia, Pakistan, Namibia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela.

A statement was made by the representative of UNESCO.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Bank.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [129]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed regarding the consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]

Statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Ecuador, Cuba, Israel, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Argentina, Sierra Leone, Jordan, India, the United States, Indonesia, Poland, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 167.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

The Chairperson of the 2001 session of the Special Committee, Ms. Mirza Cristina Gnecco (Colombia), introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Belarus and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and associated States).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made an announcement.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 259th meeting

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/2001/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur of the Committee made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Pakistan and India.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

44th meeting

The President declared opened the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council 2001.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council decided to grant observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI)

After the adoption of the decision, the representatives of Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made statements.

Organizational matters

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

The President informed the Council that the next informal consultations would be on Monday, 22 October 2001, at 3 p.m.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2001

743rd and 744th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Uzbekistan (CRC/C/41/Add.8).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2001

745th and 746th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Cape Verde (CRC/C/11/Add.23).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2001

7th meeting

Special segment on the implementation of the Convention

The Conference held an interactive dialogue session and heard statements by the representatives of Swaziland, Denmark, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Sweden, Mauritania, South Africa, Ghana, Lesotho, Burundi, Australia, Benin, Eritrea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, India, Uganda, Lebanon, Belgium, Egypt, Switzerland, Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Canada, as well as the representatives of the European Commission and the World Bank.

The President made concluding remarks.

Organization of work

The President made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

8th meeting

The Conference continued its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard statements by H.E. Mr. Noah Katana Ngala, Minister for the Environment of Kenya; Sr. José Antonio Rodriguez Oruña, Diputado a la Asamblea Nacional del Poder Popular de Cuba; H.E. Dr. Hien Fidele, Minister of Environment and Water of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Said Kabir, Minister of Environment of Nigeria; S.E. M. Hassan Maaouni, Ministre délégué chargé des eaux et des forêts du Maroc; H.E. Mr. Mohammad Samadi, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Head of Forest and Range Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mrs. Anna Nyanmekye, Deputy Minister for Environment, Science and Technology, Member of Parliament of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Ali Abadallah, Minister of Agriculture of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Alphonse, Minister for Environment of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Arefaine Berhe, Minister of Agriculture of Eritrea; H.E. Mrs. Mathabiso Lepono, Minister of Environment, Gender and Youth Affairs of Lesotho; H.E. Dr. Alfred B. Sesay, Minister of the Environment of Sierra Leone; H.E. Ms. Mary Mugyenyi, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Roy Fanourakis, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Swaziland; H.E. Mr. Ali Ben Saad Al-Tokhais, Deputy Minister for Water Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Water of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Bernard Fautrier, Ministre plénipotentiaire chargé de la coopération internationale pour l'environnement et le développement de Monaco; H.E. Ms. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Murat Mussatayev, Vice-Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. B. T. Koshmatov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Belgacem Henchi, Vice-Minister of Environment of Tunisia; H.E. Mr. Dan Nielsen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark; H.E. M. Philippe Petit, Head of delegation of France; Mr. Toshiyuki Taga, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations Office in Geneva; Sr. Alberto I. Glender Rivas, Dirección General para Asuntos Multilaterales; Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales of Mexico; Mr. Hernán Cabrera Francisdakis, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Forest Development of Bolivia; Mr. Dore Abdoulaye, Director of Office for Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea; Mrs. Kristalina Georgieva, Director, Environment Department of the World Bank; Mr. Arnulf Muller-Helmbrecht, Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS); M. Musa M'Benga, Executive Secretary of Comité permanent inter-États de lutte contre la sécheresse dans le Sahel (CILSS); Mr. Amamou Mohamed, Secretary-General of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU); and Mr. Souley Yacouba Maiga, Groupement des aides privées (GAP).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Review of the Outcome of World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance". The briefing will feature Ms. Susan Markham, Spokesperson for the Conference, Chief, Promotion and Planning Service, Department of Public Information; Mr. George Mene, Ambassador of South Africa to the Commission on Human Rights and other international organizations; and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held *today*, 11 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 11 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 12 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4389th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S/2001/881, S/2001/882/Add.1 and S/2001/883/Corr.2)

Morning* consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Georgia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4389th meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. 1468th meeting (closed) Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3 p.m. 36th (closed) meeting* Conference Room 7

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 24th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/56/372)

(b) List of nominations of the candidates by national groups (A/56/373 and Add.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/56/374 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Corr.2)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 8th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/ 130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM)

Angola

Malaysia

Republic of Congo

Madagascar

Sri Lanka

Nicaragua

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapters VI, IX-XI, A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (D-F, H), A/56/1 and Corr.1, A/56/159, S/2001/148, S/2001/398, S/2001/613); *item 91* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapter VIII, A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (A), A/56/67); *item 92* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapter V), A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (B)); *item 93* (A/56/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/56/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C), A/56/65; A/C.4/56/CRP.1); *item 94* (A/56/88)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (c) Science and technology for development

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2 and L.3

2. International migration and development, including the question of convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4

3. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103] (A/56/229, Add.1 and Corr.1, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/260, A/56/306)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103] (A/56/229, Add.1 and Corr.1, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/260, A/56/306)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/402–E/2001/105, A/56/403*, A/56/83, A56/151*, A/56/155, A/56/380)

2. International drug control [111] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/83, A/56/157)

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 128 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/56/34 and Corr.1 and A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165] (A/56/33, A/56/303 and A/56/330)

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173] (A/56/191)

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Special briefing

There will be a special briefing for members of the Fifth Committee on the work of the International Civil Service Commission by the secretariat of the Commission *today*, 12 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 12 October 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on the Internaitonal Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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There will be a meeting of the Rio Group *(on financing for development) today*, 12 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

The consultation with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Rapid Deployment and Strategic Deployment Stocks" will continue *today*, 12 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Two letters on this subject, including an information note and materials, were sent to all the members of the Special Committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Michiko Kuroda (room S-3630C; tel.: (212) 963-5440; e-mail: kuroda@un.org).

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the biennal draft resolution on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, *today*, 12 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, *today*, 12 October 2001, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 15 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	25th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/366) [7]

2. Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

3 p.m.	26th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Tuesday, 16 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Wednesday, 31 October, and Thursday, 1 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

Threre will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)* on Saturday, 13 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The New York segment of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament will take place from 15 October to 9 November 2001 in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of women's rights and the role of the civil society", organized by the delegation of the Republic of Korea, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the draft resolution on the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, organized by the delegation of Algeria, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers", organized by the delegation of Mexico, on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will hold a briefing for the representatives of Member States on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1, regarding the results of the World Conference Against Racism held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with the resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Financing the New Health Agenda", organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jorge Eduardo Navarrete, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mexico to the United Nations. The panellists will include H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Permanent Mission of Sweden and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee; Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, UNDP; and Dr. Andrew Cassels, Director, Health and Development, WHO, Geneva.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Belarus, New Zealand, Ecuador, Cuba, South Africa, the Sudan, Venezuela, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam and the Russian Federation.

7th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Qatar, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cambodia, Burkina Faso, Australia, Paraguay and Nigeria.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 10th meeting

Organization of work

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, on an exceptional basis, to consider agenda items 95 (a), 95 (b), 95 (d), 105 and 107 as a cluster, with introductions only by the Secretariat, with no debate and with procedural resolutions only. The Committee also decided not to meet during the general debate of the General Assembly.

Based on these decisions, the Secretary of the Committee introduced the revised programme of work. The Committee adopted the revised programme of work (A/C.2/56/L.1/Rev.1* (to be issued)).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Canada.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) International financial system and development

(d) External debt crisis and development

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda subitems.

The Director, Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

A representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development also made an introductory statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement on procedure.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 7th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of these items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Japan, China, Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, Cameroon, Sweden, Belarus, Ethiopia, Israel, Guyana, Benin (also on behalf of Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, the Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo) and Madagascar.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social affairs made some closing remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the items.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 8, paras. 103-113))

Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 6, paras. 80-94))

Profitability of commercial activities (A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 9, para. 114))

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/835, A/55/546 and A/55/780) and apprised the Committee on the capital master plan.

Development Account (A/55/913 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 10, para. 115))

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account (A/55/913).

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in Chapter I, Section E of document A/56/7.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia (regarding information technology)), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, China and India.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services and the Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

The Committee continued its consideration of item 165. Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Algeria, China, Nigeria, Cuba, India, Turkey, Ukraine, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Guatemala, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Haiti.

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172]

The representative of Monaco made a statement and introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/56/L.2. Statements were also made by the representatives of Malaysia, Sierra Leone, Egypt, Morocco and Colombia.

It was announced that Algeria, China, Chile, Cuba, Egypt, Greece, Germany, India, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine and Yugoslavia had joined the list of co-sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 172.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2001

9th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [3]

The Conference resumed its consideration of the item. The Chairman of the Round Table of Parliamentarians, Mr. Girigissou Gado, made a statement in which he introduced a draft decision entitled "Report on the fourth Round Table of Parliamentarians", contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/L.13.

The Conference adopted draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.13.

Special segment on the implementation of the Convention

The Conference then continued its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard statements by Mrs. Fatou Alamine Lo, Representative of Senegal to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Mr. Fared Mugwer, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Yemen; Ms. Sushma Choudhary, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest of India; H.E. Mr. Mya Than, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations Office at Geneva; H.E. Dr. Tawfik Salloum, Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva; H.E. Mr. Franco Micieli de Biase, Head of Delegation of Italy; Mr. Salvano Briceno, Director of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR); Mr. Hassen Seoud, Director-General of the Arab Centre for Studies of Arid Zones and Drylands (ACSAD) (on behalf of the League of Arab States); Mr. El Mostafa Darfaoui, Deputy Director of Technical and Scientific Cooperation of the Arab Organization of Agricultural Development; H.E. Mr. Pelokgale K. Seloma, Assistant Minister of Agriculture of Botswana; H.E. Mr. Essy Amara, Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU); Mr. Tiega Anada, Regional Coordinator for Africa of the Ramsar Convention; Mr. Issa Al Baradeiya, Director-General of Environmental Resources, Ministry of the Environment of Palestine; Mr. Abdel El-Bettagy, Director-General of the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA); Mr. Getachew Eshete, Head, Ecosystem Department, Environmental Protection Authority of Ethiopia; H.E. Ms. Norma Nascimbene de Dumont, Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Office at Geneva; M. Sylvèstre Zidona, Head of Cabinet of the Second Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi; Mr. David Sooialo Fong, Assistant Director for the Department of Lands, Surveys and Environment of Samoa; Mr. Peniasi Kunatuba, Permanent Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests of Fiji; Mr. Michael Constantinides, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus; and Mrs. Patricia Hajabakiga, Secretary-General, Ministry of Lands, Human Resettlement and Environmental Protection of Rwanda.

10th meeting

Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue sessions [11]

The Conference resumed its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention.

Presentations were made by the representatives of the following organizations: Trinidad and Tobago Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD); Association de Formation et d'Appui au Développement (AFAD); Drylands Coordination Group; Fundación del Sur; International Central Asian Network on Biodiversity; and AG Desertifikation/Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung (Working Group on Desertification); as well as by the representative of Argentina.

The representatives of Mauritania, Senegal, Ethiopia, Mali, Malawi, Norway, China, Sweden, Armenia, Denmark, Uzbekistan and the Niger, as well as the observer for the Holy See, took the floor.

The representatives of ENDA TM (Senegal), SCOPE (Pakistan) and ENDA Tiers Monde (Senegal) also took the floor.

Special segment on the implementation of the Convention

The Conference continued its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard statements by Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Co-Project Manager, Ministry of the Environment, Local Government and Rural Development of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Jae-Gil Lee, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at Geneva; H.E. Ms. Maria Madalena Neves Brito, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Cap Verde; Dr. I. Nyoman Yuliarsana, Director for Watershed Management and Land Rehabilitation, Ministry of Forestry of Indonesia; Mr. Abdel-Moneim Hagazi, Director, Desert Research Centre of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Koum Saron, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia; Mr. O. G. Sallah, Permanent Secretary, Department of State for Fisheries, Natural Resources and Environment (on behalf of the Secretary of State) of the Gambia; Mr. Mustapha Goussanem, Director for Studies and International Cooperation, Department of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture of Algeria; H.E. Mr. Toufiq Ali, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office at Geneva; and Mr. Mordechai Yedid, Deputy Director-General in charge of United Nations and International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel.

The Conference thus concluded its special segment on the implementation of the Convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New stamps and souvenir sheets

On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 15 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

5 p.m. Conference Room 5

Oral briefing by the Chairman of the Committee to interested Member States of the United Nations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 25th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/366) [7]

2. Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

3 p.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 9th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

Thailand

Mozambique

Myanmar

Morocco

Kenya

Bahrain

Yugoslavia

Holy See

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. — 10th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/402-E/2001/105, A/56/403*, A/56/83, A/56/151*, A/56/155, A/56/380)

2. International drug control [111] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/83, A/56/157)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 8th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/56/11 and Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 8, paras. 103-113))

Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 6, paras. 80-94))

Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 9, para. 114))

Development Account (A/55/913 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 10, para. 115))

Conclusion of general discussion

Honorariums (A/56/311)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. — 9th meeting — Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] (A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Address by the Secretary-General

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. — 1st meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. — 2nd meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (A/AC.257/L.7*, A/AC.257/10/Add.4, A/AC.257/21, A/AC.257/26, A/AC.257/29 and Add.1, A/AC.257/30) [1]

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development [2] (A/55/1000, A/AC.257/27, A/AC.257/27/Add.1, A/AC.257/27/Add.2, A/AC.257/27/Add.3, A/AC.257/27/Add.4, A/AC.257/27/Add.5*. A/AC.257/27/Add.6*, A/AC.257/27/Add.7*, A/AC.257/27/Add.8*, A/AC.257/27/Add.9*, A/AC.257/27/Add.10, A/AC.257/28)

Introduction of technical notes

2. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Introduction of draft outcome document

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* To be issued.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Security briefing

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Tuesday, 16 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Wednesday, 31 October, and Thursday, 1 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Monday, 15 October 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

9 a.m.*- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Format and procedures of the Conference.

GROUP OF 77
(on agenda item 42 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

1.15 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

1.45 p.m. - 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 112 (Advance of women))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the draft resolution on the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, organized by the delegation of Algeria, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on a draft resolution on disarmament, organized by the delegation of Myanmar, on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers", organized by the delegation of Mexico, on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolutions on the role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament, the Convention on the Prohibition of Use of Nuclear Weapons and reducing nuclear danger, organized by the delegation of India, on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. All co-sponsors and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe, organized by the delegation of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations and potential co-sopnsors are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will hold a briefing for the representatives of Member States on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1, regarding the results of the World Conference Against Racism held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with the resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Financing the New Health Agenda", organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jorge Eduardo Navarrete, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mexico to the United Nations. The panellists will include H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Permanent Mission of Sweden and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee; Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, UNDP; and Dr. Andrew Cassels, Director, Health and Development, WHO, Geneva.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 12 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4389th meeting

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S/2001/881, S/2001/882 and Add.1 and S/2001/883 and Corr. 2)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The delegations of Colombia and Tunisia were selected, by the drawing of lots by the President, to serve as tellers.

On the first ballot, Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) received the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council.

The President of the Council read out the text of a letter he had received from the President of the General Assembly, communicating the result of the voting held at the 24th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Having received the required absolute majority of votes both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) was elected as a member of the International Court of Justice for the remainder of the term of office of Judge Bedjaoui, that is, until 5 February 2006.

4390th meeting

Nobel Peace Prize

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/28).

The Secretary-General made a statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

24th plenary meeting

Statements on the occasion of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the United Nations and its Secretary-General

The Acting President delivered a message of the President of the General Assembly and made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of African States), Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Georgia (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States), Haiti (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Ireland (on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States) and the United States (as the host country).

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/56/372-S/2001/881)

List of nominations (A/56/373-S/2001/882 and Add.1)

Curriculum vitae (A/56/374-S/2001/883 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Corr.2)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 264 (III), Switzerland was invited to participate in the election of a member of the International Court of Justice.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a member of the International Court of Justice for the unexpired term of office of Judge and former President Mohammed Bedjaoui, whose resignation took effect on 30 September 2001.

In the first ballot, Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The Acting President of the General Assembly read out a letter he had received from the President of the Security Council, communicating the result of the voting held at the 4389th meeting of the Security Council.

Having obtained an absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) was declared elected a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office expiring on 5 February 2006.

Programme of work

The Acting President informed the members the General Assembly would take up, on Monday, 15 October 2001, in the morning, as the first item, agenda item 7 (Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations); on Monday, 22 October 2001, in the morning, as the third item, agenda item 17 (h) (Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences); and on Thursday, 1 November 2001, in the morning, agenda item 17 (g) (Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 8th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), Angola, Malaysia, the Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, Nicaragua and Bulgaria.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 6th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 91, 92, 93 and 12 and 94

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Spain, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ghana, Uganda, Mauritius, Venezuela, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Bahrain, the United Republic of Tanzania and Gabon.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, India, Argentina and Pakistan.

Organization of work

It was decided that the Committee would take action on all draft proposals relating to decolonization and related agenda items on Tuesday, 16 October, at 10 a.m.

The Chairman announced that on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 85 (Effects of atomic radiation). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3

The representative of Tunisia introduced the draft resolution.

International migration and development, including the question of convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), India, Japan, Indonesia, China, Venezuela and Norway, the observer for the Holy See and by the representatives of Morocco, Brazil, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa and Mongolia.

12th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.2

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Nepal, Peru, Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Korea and Egypt.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 103.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 103 would be Monday, 15 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 8th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The Deputy Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention and the Director of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, made introductory statements.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Deputy Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention and the Director of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, in which the representatives of Pakistan, Belgium, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China and India took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Zambia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, Japan, Cuba, Liechtenstein and Egypt.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

9th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador (on behalf of Central American States and the Dominican Republic), Australia, China, the Republic of Korea, Bolivia (on behalf of the Andean Community), Peru, Colombia and the Russian Federation.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 8th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, the Sudan, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Thailand and Indonesia.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 165.

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.2

It was announced that Algeria, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mozambique, Norway, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine, Uruguay and Yugoslavia had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The representative of Monaco made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 172.

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]

The representative of the Sudan (on behalf of Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, the Gambia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, the Niger, Senegal, Somalia and Tunisia) introduced the item, on behalf of the members of the Community. Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Mali and the Niger.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2001

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE — 6th meeting

Review of the report of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism on their role and results obtained in facilitating consultative processes for negotiating and concluding partnership agreements based on national, subregional and regional action programmes [7 (f)]

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-item 7 (f) and heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Tunisia, Burkina Faso, Algeria, Mauritania, Uzbekistan, Uganda, South Africa, Burundi, Guatemala, Armenia, Paraguay, Senegal, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Myanmar, the Dominican Republic, Solomon Islands, Cuba, the Philippines, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, India, Mali and Indonesia.

The representative of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) also made a statement.

Consideration of some specific conclusions and recommendations made by the Global Mechanism and the Committee on Science and Technology related to affected country Parties experiences and constraints in the implementation of action programmes [7 (g)]

Global Mechanism: Review, pursuant to article 21, paragraph 5(d), of the Convention, of the report on the activities of the Global Mechanism, and the provision of guidance to it [9]

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 7 (g) together with item 9 and heard additional comments by the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism relating to its function as a whole.

Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies [10]

The Committee began its consideration of item 10 and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania, Switzerland, Norway, Burkina Faso and Canada.

The Chairman made a statement in connection with the work of the Committee.

Outstanding items: consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure [12 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 12 (a) and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The Committee then decided to recommend to the plenary of the Conference that it defer consideration of the sub-item to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of the sub-item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Group of Asian States) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Consideration of draft proposals

Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements [7]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the text of two draft decisions entitled "Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility" and "World Summit on Sustainable Development".

Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies [10]

The representative of Switzerland introduced the text of a draft decision entitled "Review of the activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies".

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Rwanda (11 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Rwanda (11 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Switzerland (12 October 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Morocco (12 October 2001)

Signature: Paraguay (12 October 2001)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: Niger (12 October 2001)

Signature: Paraguay (12 October 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Ecuador (12 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT - FOCUS ON TERRORISM UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection website (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Elimination of Poverty

In observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "The Role of Cooperatives in Poverty Reduction", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. H.E. Mr. José Roberto Andino Salazar, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, will chair the meeting. Several experts will participate in the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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World Food Day 2001

There will be an observance of World Food Day 2001 on the theme "Fight Hunger to Reduce Poverty" on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 12 noon (following the adjournment of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development) to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Statements will be made by the Acting President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Jacques Diouf, and Mr. George S. McGovern, former Ambassador of the United States to FAO, who will deliver the keynote address. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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New stamps and souvenir sheets

On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Sri Lanka
H.E. Mr. John de Saram

Eastern European States:
Georgia
H.E. Mr. Peter P. Chkheidze

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
H.E. Mr. Pierre Lelong

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. Richard Ryan

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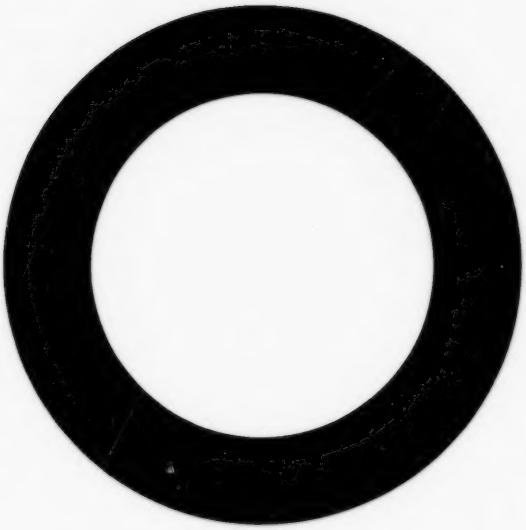

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.15 p.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Angola (S/2001/956)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

11 a.m. — 4th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	28th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 10th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

India

United Arab Emirates

Lithuania

Ethiopia

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Israel

Iraq

Lao's People's Democratic Republic

Haiti

Gabon

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [91]: draft resolution I (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

2. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [92]: draft resolution II (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

3. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 18): draft decision (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

4. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [93]: draft resolution III (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

5. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [94]: draft resolution (A/C.4/56/L.3)

6. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [item 18]

   (a) Question of Western Sahara: draft resolution (A/C.4/56/L.2)

   (b) Question of Gibraltar: draft decision (A/C.4/56/L.4)

   (c) Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution IV (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

(d) Question of Tokelau: draft resolution V (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

(e) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands: draft resolution VI (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.11

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.7, L.8, L.9, L.10 and L.12

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/402-E/2001/105, A/56/403, A/56/83, A/56/151*, A/56/155, A/56/380)

5. International drug control [111] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/83, A/56/157, A/56/468*)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/56/11 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 126 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (A/55/928 and A/56/437)); and 128 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/56/34 and Corr.1 and A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7); Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7); and Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7))

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Address by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

2. Introductory statement

3. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- Conference
1 p.m. informal meeting Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Towards a fully inclusive and equitable globalization; Mobilizing domestic financial resources

3 p.m.- Conference
6 p.m. informal meeting Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Mobilizing international resources for development (foreign direct investment and other private flows)

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* Following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

Subjects

1. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001
2. Draft report

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 16 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Wednesday, 31 October, and Thursday, 1 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 16 October 2001

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 16 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 16 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 16 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Briefing

The Eastern European Group will hold a briefing on the work of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and Fifth Committee matters *today*, 16 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolutions on the role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament, the Convention on the Prohibition of Use of Nuclear Weapons and reducing nuclear danger, organized by the delegation of India, *today*, 16 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. All co-sponsors and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution on the maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe, organized by the delegation of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, *today*, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations and potential co-sopnsors are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will hold a briefing for the representatives of Member States *today*, 16 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1, regarding the results of the World Conference Against Racism held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution on transparency in armaments (United Nations Register of Conventional Arms), organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, *today*, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with the resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Financing the New Health Agenda", organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), *today*, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jorge Eduardo Navarrete, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mexico to the United Nations. The panellists will include H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Permanent Mission of Sweden and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee; Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, UNDP; and Dr. Andrew Cassels, Director, Health and Development, WHO, Geneva.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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The thirty-sixth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first (closed) meeting of the High-level Summit Organizing Committee (HLSOC), organized by ITU, will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received.
The designations employed do not imply the expression
of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee - on the International Conference on Financing for Development)* on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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There will be a meeting of the Islamic Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group *(First Committee)* on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The Group will also meet on 25 October, 1 November and 8 November.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Room S-226.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on a First Committee draft resolution on the follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons, organized by the delegation of Malaysia, on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All co-sponsors and potential co-sopnsors are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Lessons for Today from the Cuban Missile Crisis", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, together with the Global Security Institute, the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Security and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Robert. S. McNamara, former United States Secretary of Defense, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; tel.: (212) 963-3633).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 15 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

25th plenary meeting

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/366) [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/56/366.

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

The representative of Ireland, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Security Council (A/56/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Colombia, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Singapore, Brazil, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Peru, South Africa, Cuba, Bulgaria and Japan.

26th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Canada, the Philippines, India, Argentina (also on behalf of New Zealand), Austria, the Republic of Korea, Cyprus, Mongolia, Egypt, Norway, Jamaica, Italy, Chile and Mauritius.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 9th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Mozambique, Myanmar, Morocco, Kenya, Thailand, Bahrain and Yugoslavia, and by the observer of the Holy See.

A statement was made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representative of Israel.

THIRD COMMITTEE 10th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Algeria, Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), the Sudan, Indonesia, Brazil, San Marino, Slovakia, Israel, the Czech Republic, Pakistan, Guatemala and Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work and informed the Committee that draft resolutions, which had been submitted under agenda items 27, 108 and 109, would be introduced on Tuesday, 16 October, at 3 p.m.

The Chairman also announced that the Committee would aim at taking action on those draft resolutions which were ready for action, on Thursday, 18 October, at 3 p.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy), introduced the report of the Committee (A/56/11 and Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Brazil, Botswana, Argentina, the Sudan and Iraq.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 8, paras. 103-113))

Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 6, paras. 80-94))

Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 9, para. 114))

Development Account (A/55/913 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 10, para. 115))

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States and Cuba.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services and the representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to set 1 p.m. on Friday, 19 October 2001, as the deadline for the submission of nominations to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 17 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments).

9th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Secretary-General addressed the Committee and introduced the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/7).

The Chairperson of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee on the work of its forty-first session (A/56/16).

Statements in the general discussion of the item were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, Algeria, Pakistan, China, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Zambia.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would resume its general discussion of the item, on Wednesday, 17 October, in the afternoon.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session — 1st and 2nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the Preparatory Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/200).

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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 11th meeting of the Second Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/198, p. 10): the text under agenda item 100 should read as follows:

International migration and development, including the question of convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Seventy-third session

MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 201

1956th meeting

Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General [1]

The seventy-third session of the Committee was opened by the Chairperson, Mr. Prafullachandra N. Bhagwati.

Adoption of the agenda [2]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document CCPR/C/145 and its programme of work.

1957th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the fifth periodic report of Ukraine (CCPR/C/UKR/99/5).

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2001

11th meeting

Credentials of delegations [4]

The Conference adopted draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.16.

Recommendations from the Committee on Science and Technology

The Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology introduced the draft decisions recommended by the Committee.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.1/Rev.1, entitled "Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.2, entitled "Roster of independent experts"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.3, entitled "Review and implementation of scientific and technological aspects of national report"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.4, entitled "Traditional knowledge"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.5, entitled "Early Warning Systems"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.6, entitled "Dryland Degradation Assessment (LADA) and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA)"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.7, entitled "Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology"

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.8, entitled "Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.9, entitled "Programme of work for the Group of Experts"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.10, entitled "Benchmarks and indicators"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the recommendations transmitted by the Committee on Science and Technology.

Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole introduced the draft decisions recommended by the Committee.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.11, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003"

The representatives of the United States, Cuba, Brazil, France (on behalf of the European Union) and Australia made statements.

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Brazil.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.15, entitled "Consideration of additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention"

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

At the recommendation of the representative of Kenya, the Conference decided to appoint Mr. R. Mbiao (Benin) to be the Chairman of the Committee for Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC). Statements were made by the representatives of China, Benin, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Argentina and Cuba.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.17, entitled "Programme of work for the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties"

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.19, entitled "World Day to Combat Desertification"

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.22, entitled "Consideration of the rule 47 of the rule of procedures"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.23, entitled "Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.24, entitled "Comprehensive report of the Ad Hoc Working Group for the in-depth review and analysis of reports submitted at the third and fourth sessions of the Conference of the Parties"

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.25, entitled "Review of available information regarding the financing of convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2 (b) of the Convention"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.26/Rev1, entitled "Consideration of the 'Regional Coordination Unit' initiative"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Norway and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the recommendations transmitted by the Committee of the Whole.

Recommendations from the President of the Conference

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.18, entitled "World Summit on Sustainable Development"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.20, entitled "Date and venue of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

The representative of Germany made a statement.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.21, entitled "Date and venue of the first session of the Committee for the Review the Implementation of the Convention"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Recommendations from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of Expert

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.12, entitled, "Resolution of questions of implementation, arbitration and conciliation procedures"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Adoption of the report of the Conference [14]

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, Ms. Dagmar Kubinova (Czech Republic), the President of the Conference introduced the draft report as contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/L.14.

The Conference adopted the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report.

Closure of the session

The President made a closing statement.

The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Benin (on behalf of the African Group).

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties was then declared closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (12 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (12 October 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Australia (15 October 2001)

Signature: Ireland (15 October 2001)

Signature: Sweden (15 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT - FOCUS ON TERRORISM UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973);

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "The Role of Cooperatives in Poverty Reduction", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. H.E. Mr. José Roberto Andino Salazar, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, will chair the meeting. Several experts will participate in the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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World Food Day 2001

There will be an observance of World Food Day 2001 on the theme "Fight Hunger to Reduce Poverty" on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 12 noon (following the adjournment of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development) to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Statements will be made by the Acting President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Jacques Diouf, and Mr. George S. McGovern, former Ambassador of the United States to FAO, who will deliver the keynote address. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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New stamps and souvenir sheets

On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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